

## **Operation IMPACT X Request for Applications**

### **Questions submitted by Applicants**

**Question** – Under V. Budget Detail it is indicated that requests for position funding may not exceed IMPACT IX levels. Does that mean that:

- If we had an entry level person on the grant who is getting a step increment that we cannot get reimbursed for that unavoidable expense?

**Answer** – Your agency is capped at last year's IMPACT award for salaries regardless of salary increases your agency may provide. Any salary increase would have to be supplemented with funding sources other than IMPACT.

- If we have made position changes to place the "best" person in the grant position, and that person happens to be a Senior (either Criminal Investigator or ADA) can we increase the request to reflect the salary of the new person?

**Answer** – No. The funded salaries are capped at last year's amount regardless of who is placed in the position.

- Even though the District Attorney's Office has not, historically received reimbursement for fringe benefits, if we request and get approved for a new position can we request and expect to get reimbursement for 25% of the fringe benefits associated with that new position?

**Answer** – You can never "expect" to get the 25%. You are allowed to request 25% of the fringe benefits. All funding, personnel and non-personnel, is at the discretion of the Commissioner of DCJS and is not guaranteed from year to year.

**Question** – What do they mean by Aggravated Assaults? There is no penal law crime of “Aggravated Assault.” Can you provide to us a detailed description of what DCJS means by “Aggravated Assault?”

**Answer** – Aggravated Assaults is a classification used by the FBI Uniformed Crime Reporting. The FBI classifies crimes in the 50 states into “like” categories so that the comparison of crime across the county is “apples to apples”. Below is a link to a guide for NY laws and how they fit into the FBI categories. Page 4 lists all the offenses that fall into the Aggravated Assaults category.

[http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/ucr\\_refman/ucrxreftable.pdf](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/ucr_refman/ucrxreftable.pdf)

**Question** – We have always had all participating agencies sign the MOU. Recently we heard that we are now only required to have the signatures of those partner agencies who are actually receiving IMPACT funding. Would you be able to let me know exactly what is required as I could find nothing in the RFA to indicate any changes have been made?

**Answer** – The confusion may lie in the language. There are MOUs and Letters of Support. The MOU gets signed by funded partners and the Letters of Support come from

non-funded partners who will have a role in your strategy. Below is the language of requirements from our “Final Checklist” attachment in the RFA:

- *The 2013 - 2014 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the partnership members (include justification for any required member signatures not included),*
- *Signed letters of support from the participating 2013 - 2014 partnership members detailing their role in the strategy, attached to GMS application. NOTE: A signed MOU that includes a detailed description of each agency’s contribution to the strategy may be submitted in place of the letters of support.*

**Question** – Are we allowed to ask for 110% of the county partnership funding amount that was awarded to us in IMPACT IX or are we allowed to request 110% of the county partnership funding amount of any previous award?

**Answer** – The county partnership is allowed to request 110% of any previous award amount received by the entire county partnership. The language below is from page 2 of the RFA.

*Each IMPACT Partnership’s overall funding request may not exceed **110%** of the amount of any prior IMPACT award. While there is no guarantee that previously funded positions will be refunded through IMPACT X, any budget requests for currently supported positions may not exceed the salary amount that was awarded for the position under IMPACT IX and requests for fringe benefits may not exceed the rate (percentage) paid under IMPACT IX or **25%**, whichever is less.*

**Question** – Are the Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise (MWBE) forms, discussed during the DCJS webinar on March 27, 2013, a required component of this IMPACT RFA application?

**Answer** – Effective April 1, 2013, all DCJS grant contracts will require recipients to document good faith efforts demonstrating the practices utilized to meet their MWBE contract goals. For this IMPACT RFA, the MWBE forms will not need to be submitted with the RFA application. However, the forms will be required once the IMPACT contracts are awarded and developed. For more information regarding MWBE requirements, please go to:

<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ofpa/whatsnew.htm>

Required forms are available at: <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ofpa/forms.htm>